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of the Lower Mekong Basin

PLAN OF OPERATION

MEKONG RIVER DELTA MODEL STUDY

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PLAN OF OPERATION

REGIONAL: COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN

(CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND AND REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM)

MEKONG RIVER DELTA MODEL STUDY

Project Data Summary

Special Fund Allocation		US $ 732,443
Including		
Special Fund Contribution (including Executing Agency's overhead costs)	US$ 605,300	
Governments counterpart contribution towards local operation costs (equivalent of)	US$ 42,749	
Government counterpart contribution in cash (equivalent of)	US$ 84,394	
Duration		3 years
Executing Agency		United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Cooperating Government Agencies		- Ministry of Public Works, Government of Cambodia - Ministry of Public Works, Government of Laos - National Energy Authority, Government of Thailand - Ministry of Public Works, Government of Viet-Nam

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Mekong Committee
Mekong Delta Model Study

15 March 1962

PLAN OF OPERATION

1. For the purpose of the Mekong Delta Model Study to be undertaken by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization acting as Executing Agency for the United Nations Special Fund, this Plan of Operation shall be a Plan of Operation referred to in Article I, Paragraph 2 of the Agreements (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreements"), signed respectively on 24 November 1960, 30 April 1960, 4 June 1960 and 29 April 1960, by the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the Republic of Viet-Nam (hereinafter referred to as "the Governments") and the United Nations Special Fund. The Governments undertake that the Committee for Co-ordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") shall be authorized to make any determinations and commitments necessary or appropriate to this Plan of Operation and otherwise to participate and co-operate fully in its execution.

I. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

Purpose

2. The purpose of the Project will be to aid the Governments through the Committee by determining, by means of an electronic computor analysis of the hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics of the area described in paragraph 6(a) below and by means of appropriate document and field surveys, both the present flow conditions and the influence which the proposed Barrage across the Tonle Sap will have upon, the water flow in the Mekong River, the Tonle Sap, the Great Lake and the Delta Plain. The project will also determine the most effective way of controlling and reducing the peak of the delta floods and increasing the river flow in the dry season. Measures which may be required to protect or promote the fisheries, navigation, forestry, irrigation, production of electric power, etc. will also be taken into account.

3. Studies will also be made to determine the optimum method of employment of the Barrage, and the magnitude of damage which might result from its incorrect operation. The criteria for the studies and scope of the work shall be as set forth in the UNESCO report WRD/MKG/INF/R.47 of September 1960, especially Chapter VI "Measurement Campaign", and as modified by mutual agreements between the parties during the course of the Project.

4. The results of the studies should provide an adequate basis for a future determination of the effect of the operation of the dam on salt water intrusion within the Delta.

/ 5. The Project

5. The Project will require investigation of existing records, field surveys wherever existing information is incomplete, preliminary calculations and more detailed final calculations to be carried out on an electric computer of large capacity. In addition, suitable mathematicians and hydraulic engineers from the countries shall be trained in order to permit subsequent operation of the mathematical model within their respective countries.

Description

6. (a) The area to be included within the study will comprise all of the Mekong Delta downstream from Chlong to the Gulf of Thailand and the China Sea, as well as the entire Tonle Sap and Great Lake basins, and the incoming and outgoing tributary basins of the region. It will include all of the flood region and will extend as far as the Vaico Basin.

(b) A mathematical model will be constructed, which will faithfully reflect the hydraulic characteristics of this area. The accuracy of the model shall be such that its results will be sufficiently precise to attain the goals described herein.

(c) The study will determine the influence of the operation of the Barrage on the height and on the rate-of-rise of the flood water within the Delta area. Model observations will be made at a sufficient number of stations and over a sufficient range of conditions to obtain a complete knowledge of the hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics of the entire Delta.

II. PRIOR OBLIGATIONS

7. The Governments shall conclude all necessary arrangements to assure that, for the purposes of the Project, the staff and equipment of the Executing Agency, the personnel and equipment of any sub-contractor of the Executing Agency, and the counterpart equipment of the Governments assigned to the Project shall be authorized to cross the border between Cambodia and Viet-Nam at all times; and that the full assistance of the authorities of each Government shall be available to the said staff, personnel and equipment for the purposes of the Project.

III. WORK PLAN

A. Participation and Contribution of the Special Fund

8. The Special Fund, through the Executing Agency, shall from the Special Fund Allocation provide the following:

a) Consultant services for an estimated total of 12 man-months, at a cost not to exceed US $ 25,000.

/ b) Sub-contractual

b) Sub-contractual services in an amount not to exceed US$ 653,643.x/ These are expected to include the collection and preparation of records and documents, the preparation of the mathematical model, the making of computations and measurements and the preparation of interim and final reports in accordance with the purpose and description of the project and the sequence of operation set forth in this Plan of Operation. The selection of any sub-contractors shall be subject to the prior approval of the Committee.

It is the expectation of the Executing Agency that the total amount payable under the sub-contract presently envisaged will be approximately US$ 618,700 of which US$ 285,000 for experts services.

The work described in paragraph 16 (e) will be negotiated in due course within the total amount allocated.

The equipment necessary for the project will be partly rented, partly purchased. With reference to the purchased equipment, at the successful conclusion of the Project, the Government, the Executing Agency and the Special Fund shall consult with a view to transferring the title to the equipment from the Special Fund, in whose name it has been hold by the Executing Agency, to the Governments or an Agency nominated by the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Viet-Nam for their joint ownership and use in the development of water resources of the Lower Mekong River, as directed by them through the Committee.

c) Fellowships

Five fellowships for a maximum duration of one year each, at a total cost not to exceed US$ 25,000. One purpose of the followships described herein is to provide an experienced team for work with this model and with problems similar to those of the Project in their home countries, after completion of this work. Fellows shall be employed on the Project within the Delta region, and in Bangkok and oth : area cities. Each fellow shall spend a maximum of one year under a fellowship grant with this Project, working in a laboratory. They may also do university studies within their subject during this period. The field of study of the fellows shall be in hydraulics and mathematics, with emphasis on computor calculation.

Fellowships awarded under this Plan of Operation shall be administered in accordance with the followship regulations of the Executing Agency.

d) Executing Agency overhead costs not to exceed US$ 28,800.

/ B. Participation

x/ Including the participation and contribution of the Governments (detailed in paragraph 9 below) for a total amount equivalent to US$ 127,143.

B. Participation and Contribution of the Governments

9. Counterpart Contribution in Cash[1/]

The Governments of Cambodia and Viet-Nam shall make a counterpart contribution in cash, totalling the equivalent of US$ 84,394, to form part of the Special Fund allocation. The counterpart contribution will contribute towards meeting the costs of the services listed in paragraph 8 above. It shall be divided between the Governments of Cambodia and Viet-Nam in the following manner:

a) The Government of Cambodia shall pay to the Special Fund a sum equivalent to US$ 46,571.

b) The Government of Viet-Nam shall pay to the Special Fund a sum equivalent to US$ 37,823.

10. Local Operating Costs[1/]

With reference to the payments to be made by the Governments under Article V, paragraph 1(a) to (d) of the Agreements referred to in the preamble to this Plan of Operation, the Governments of Cambodia, and Viet-Nam shall pay to the Special Fund the equivalent of US$ 42,749 towards local operating costs. This amount represents 15 per cent of the total estimated cost to the Special Fund of foreign project personnel. The Government of Cambodia shall pay the equivalent of US$ 23,429 of the above-mentioned amount and the Government of Viet-Nam the equivalent of US$ 19,320.

11. Payment of Government Cash Contributions[1/]

The cash counterpart contribution and the contribution towards local operating costs, described in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, equivalent to US$ 127,143 will be paid by the Governments of Cambodia and Viet-Nam to the Special Fund in accordance with the following schedules:

a) The Government of Cambodia shall deposit to the credit of the Special Fund Account No. 47-25 in Banque Nationale du Cambodge in Phnom Penh the equivalent of US$ 70,000 in accordance with the following schedule:

Equivalent of US$ 17,500 on signature of the Plan of Operation
Equivalent of US$ 17,500 on 1 March 1963
Equivalent of US$ 17,500 on 1 March 1964
Equivalent of US$ 17,500 on 1 March 1965

/ b) The Government

1/ Acceptance of the US$ equivalent figures in this paragraph does not imply the acceptance of any specific rate of exchange by the signatories of this Plan of Operation; the exact obligations of respectively Cambodia and the Republic of Viet-Nam, in Riels and Piastres, are stated in Appendix III.

b) The Government of Viet-Nam shall deposit to the credit of the Special Fund Account No. 1425 in Credit Commercial du Viet-Nam in Saigon the equivalent of US$ 57,143 in accordance with the following schedule:

Equivalent of US$ 14,286 on signature of the Plan of Operation
Equivalent of US$ 14,286 on 1 March 1963
Equivalent of US$ 14,286 on 1 March 1964
Equivalent of US$ 14,286 on 1 March 1965

Payment of the above amounts on or before the dates specified is a pre-requisite to operation.

12. Granting of facilities, privileges and immunities

a) The Executing Agency's contractors and their personnel (except Government nationale employed locally) shall have the right to the following in accordance with the Agreements.

Immunity from legal process in respect of all acts performed by them in the execution of the Project;

Immunity from national service obligations;

Immunity from immigration restrictions;

The privilege of bringing into the country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Project or for personal use of such personnel, and of withdrawing any such amounts brought into the country, or, in accordance with the relevant foreign exchange regulations, such amounts as may be earned therein by such personnel in the execution of the Project.

The same repatriation facilities in the event of international crises as diplomatic envoys; and

Inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the Project.

b) The Governments shall either exempt from or bear the cost of any taxes, duties, fees or levies which they may impose on any foreign firm or organization which may be retained by the Executing Agency and the foreign personnel of any firm or organization in respect of:

The salaries or wages earned by such personnel in the execution of this Project.

Any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the country in connection with the Agreements or which, after having been brought into the country, may be subsequently withdrawn therefrom;

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As in the case of concessions currently granted to the United Nations experts in Laos and Thailand, any property brought, including one privately owned automobile per person, by the firm or organization of its personnel for their personal use or consumption or which, after having been brought into the country, may subsequently be withdrawn therefrom upon departure of such personnel. If despite this paragraph import duties are nevertheless collected, then the Government making the collection shall make an equivalent cash payment to the agency or person concerned.

c) The privileges and immunities to which such firm or organization and its personnel may be entitled, referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Plan of Operation, may be waived by the Executing Agency where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the successful completion of the Project or to the interests of the Special Fund or the Executing Agency. The Executing Agency shall waive such immunity in any case in which the Managing Director of the Special Fund so requests.

The Executing Agency shall provide the respective Governments with the names of the personnel or any sub-contractor to whom the foregoing privileges and immunities shall apply.

13. Submission of information, records and documents

The Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Viet-Nam shall cooperate with the Executing Agency and its sub-contractors, and shall make available all existing documents and documents to be produced in connection with the investigations undertaken by the Mekong Committee, and with respect to other related investigations undertaken by the Government.
The Government shall provide full cooperation to field survey parties and all other personnel of the sub-contractors in the performance of their duties.

The Committee shall make available to the Executing Agency and its sub-contractors the results of any salt-water intrusion surveys.

14. Security Guards

The Governments concerned shall provide, without cost to the Executing Agency and its sub-contractor, such security guards as are deemed to be necessary for the protection of personnel and/or equipment during field operations. The cost of the security guards shall not be considered as a part of the Governments' counterpart contribution.

/ 15. Fellowships

15. Fellowships

The Governments shall guarantee the continuation of the salaries of the fellows and shall ensure their return to previously budgeted posts or equivalently budgeted costs in their home countries.

C. Sequence of Operations

16. This Plan of Operation shall enter into force upon signature by the Governments, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as Executing Agency and the Special Fund, and upon payment by the Governments of Cambodia and Viet-Nam of the first installment as stipulated in paragraph 11 above and in Appendix III. The Executing Agency shall commence operation of the Project upon receipt of written authorization to do so from the Managing Director of the Special Fund.

The sequence of operations shall comprise the following four phases:

a) Analysis of available records and documents. The initial phase of the project to start as early as possible in 1962 will include the analysis of all available documentation, including new data being produced under current bilateral and multilateral assistance programmes.

b) Preliminary computations. The next phase will be a trial run utilizing available data, to determine whether the mathematical model will reflect accurately the natural phenomena, to refine the model where necessary, and to plan with precision the ensuing measurement programme.

c) Measurement programme. The measurement programme will be carried out in 1963 and will provide field measurements of data which are not available through existing documentation or through field surveys presently underway. It will consist in the collection of topographic, agricultural and irrigation data not now available, the determination of cross-sections, stage and discharge measurements, climatic and other factors, as stated in Chapter VI of the UNESCO Report WRD/MKG/INF/R.47 of September 1960.

d) Final Computations. The final phase to take place in 1964 of final instructions to the computer, a final check as to its accuracy, and the final investigation which will be based on all the data, including those collected under phase (c). A report will be submitted not later than 31 December 1964 and it will outline the history of the Project, a detailed description of the procedures followed, conclusions and recommendations.

e) In addition, the mathematical model will subsequently be made available for further utilization in a Laboratory selected by the Committee with the concurrence of the Special Fund and the Executing Agency.

D. Organization

Executing Agency

17. Overall responsibility for the organization and execution of the project rests with the Executing Agency which shall plan and direct operations. The project may be partly or entirely entrusted by the Executing Agency to a sub-contractor consulting firm. However, the responsibility for the execution of all parts of the project, including those entrusted to the consulting firm, shall rest with the Executing Agency.

Project Officer

18. The Executing Agency shall assign a staff member in the capacity of Project Officer. The Project Officer shall be responsible, with aid from consultants (see Para. 19 below) to the Executing Agency for the administration and execution of the work of the project which may be carried out in areas remote from South-East Asia (such as at the Headquarters of the contractor). The name of this Project Officer shall be communicated to the Committee upon appointment.

Consultants

19. Experts in the field of hydraulics and hydraulic and mathematical models, shall be appointed for the purpose of aiding and advising the Executing Agency in the execution of this work. They will guide all the technical work of the sub-contractor and fix the precision required for the mathematical model.

Project Engineer

20. The Project Engineer will be appointed from the staff of the sub-contractor with the concurrence of the Committee and of the Executing Agency. He shall be agreed upon by the Committee and the Executing Agency prior to the signing of the contract and shall be appointed immediately upon such signing. The Project Engineer shall be a senior engineer and the person within the Project organization who will be in direct and intimate charge of the work, and shall collaborate closely with the Committee, the individual members thereof, and the Committee's Executive Agent and secretariat. Replacement of the Project Engineer for reasonable cause may be made upon written demand by the Executing Agency.

Government Project Representatives

21. Each of the Governments shall designate a Government Project Representative, in agreement with the Executing Agency, who shall be a qualified engineer and who shall be responsible for assuring full co-operation of his Government as required by this Plan of Operation and provided by the sub-contract.

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22. The Co-operating Agency of the Government of Cambodia responsible for ensuring the execution of the Government's obligations under this Project shall be the Ministry of Public Works. The Government representative shall be a qualified engineer appointed by, or from the staff of, and responsible to the Co-operating Agency.

23. The Co-operating Agency of the Government of Laos responsible for following the development of this Project shall be the Ministry of Public Works, and the Government representative shall be the member for Laos in the Committee.

24. The Co-operating Agency of the Government of Thailand responsible following the development of this Project shall be the National Energy Authority, and the Government representative shall be the member for Thailand in the Committee.

25. The Co-operating Agency of the Government of Viet-Nam responsible for ensuring the execution of the Government's obligations under this Project shall be the Ministry of Public Works. The Government representative shall be a qualified engineer appointed by, or from the staff of, and responsible to the Co-operating Agency.

26. The Project Engineer, with the concurrence of the Government Project Representatives, shall if required for the purposes of the Project, assign counterpart equipment of either the Government of Cambodia or Viet-Nam to the Project area of the other. Any such services performed, or facilities provided, under this Project by one Government in favour of the other shall be so performed, or provided, without charge to the Executing Agency or to the other Government. The Project Engineer shall, if required for the purposes of the Project and with the concurrence of the Government Project Representatives, shift from one project area to another, whether or not in the same country, personnel or equipment provided by the Special Fund through the Executing Agency.

IV. BUDGET

27. The estimated total cash Project budget amounting to the equivalent of US$732,443 will consist of the following:

a) The gross cost of personal services, fellowships, contractual services and equipment described in paragraph 8 above to be met from the Special Fund Allocation and amounting to an estimated total equivalent of US$703,643, which includes an amount estimated at the equivalent of US$127,143 to be paid in cash by the Governments to the Special Fund as stated in paragraph 11 above, representing the Governments' counterpart contribution in cash and their contribution towards local operating costs.

b) The overhead costs of the Executing Agency, US$28,800, to be met from the Special Fund Allocation.

/V. REPORTS

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28. For the part of the Project which shall be entrusted to a contractor, the Project Engineer shall report to the Executing Agency with five copies to the Executive Agent of the Committee at times set forth by the Executing Agency, under its contract.

29. The Project Engineer shall each month submit to the Executive Agent of the Committee 25 copies in English and 25 copies in French of a progress report, with such additional copies to the Executing Agency as may be arranged between the Executing Agency and the Project Engineer.

30. At the end of each financial year (31 December), or during the first quarter of the following year, the Executing Agency shall submit to the Committee a report on its expenditures in connexion with the Project of the funds made available by the Governments of Cambodia and Viet-Nam as stated in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 above and in Appendix III. The report shall show a comparison of actual expenditures with the expected expenditures under this Plan of Operation.

31. Upon completion of the Project, the Project Engineer shall submit a report to the Executing Agency with 25 copies in English and 25 copies in French to the Executive Agent of the Committee outlining briefly the history of the Project, and including a detailed description of the procedures followed, the data utilized, names of staff, types and descriptions of equipment, conclusions and recommendations.

32. Executing Agency shall submit to the Special Fund and to the Committee at the end of each calendar year a certified inventory of equipment, purchased with funds allocated by the Special Fund.

33. The Parties concerned shall consult each other regarding the publications, as appropriate, of any information relating to the Project or to benefits derived therefrom.

VI. CONCLUSION

Continuation of the Project

34. After the period of assistance by the Executing Agency and the Special Fund has been completed. the Committee hopes to continue and if possible extend the use of the Model. Arrangements for this shall be discussed by the Executing Agency and Committee during the final year of programme operation.

/Transfer

Transfer of the Title of Property on Equipment

35. See paragraph 8 b) above.

36. The physical portion of the study consisting of programming directions, punch-cards, tapes, etc., as well as all original drawings of maps, surveys, documents, all field notes of observations and surveys, shall be distributed as mutually agreed between the Committee and the Executing Agency. All records, maps, programmings, directions, punch-cards, etc. shall be delivered in good condition adequate for further use by the Committee as indicated in paragraphs 16 e) and 34.

This plan of Operation has been established in six original copies in both English and French, it being agreed and understood that in the event that a difference of interpretation occurs between both texts, the English text shall prevail.

Agreed, on behalf of the Parties, by the undersigned:

For the Government of Cambodia:
Date: 25 March 1962

s/g Phlek Chhat
Director General of Planning and Secretary General of the National Council for Investigations of the Mekong River

For the Government of Laos:
Date: 25 March 1962

s/g Phouangkeoh Phareareth
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Public Works & Communications

For the Government of Thailand:
Date: 25 March 1962

s/g Boonrod Binson
Secretary General, National Energy Authority

For the Government of Viet-Nam:
Date: 25 March 1962

s/g Pham-Minh-Duong
Special High Commissioner for Aid to Flood Victims and Rehabilitation of Flooded Areas

For the United Nations Special Fund:
Date: 2 May 1962

s/g J.N. Corry
Regional Representative of TAB and Director of Special Fund Programmes in the Far East

For the Executing Agency:
Date:

s/g Malcolm S. Adisesiah
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Appendix I

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN: CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM:

MEKONG DELTA MODEL STUDY

PLAN OF EXPENDITURE

United Nations Special Fund Allocation (1)
including Governments Counterpart Contribution in Cash

	Total Expenditure	1962	1963	1964	1965
1. Consultants (12 man-months)	$ 25,000	7,000	9,000	7,000	2,000
2. Equipment (rental and supply)					
a) Computers	90,000		14,800	75,200	
b) Instruments	58,500		58,500		
c) Transport Equipment	84,381		84,381		
3. Fellowships	25,000			25,000	
4. Sub-contracts					
a) Main contract (analysis of available data, preliminary computations, measurement campaign, final computations and report)	385,819	33,400	245,619	106,800	
b) Transfer of model and miscellaneous	34,943				34,943
	$ 703,643	40,400	412,300	214,000	36,943
5. Executing Agency Cost	28,800	6,400	9,600	9,600	3,200
Total Special Fund Allocation	$ 732,443	46,800	421,900	223,600	40,143

(1) The Special Fund Allocation includes an amount equivalent to US$ 127,143 to be paid by the Governments as a counterpart contribution in cash and as a contribution towards local operating costs of the project. This amount is payable by the Governments in instalments as shown in Section III, paragraph 11, of this Plan of Operation.

TOTAL GOVERNMENT COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS

	Equivalent in US$				
Cambodia	Total	1962	1963	1964	1965
Counterpart contributions in cash	46,571	11,643	11,643	11,643	11,642
Payment towards local operating costs	23,429	5,857	5,857	5,857	5,858
Total	70,000	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Viet-Nam					
Counterpart contributions in cash	37,823	9,458	9,455	9,455	9.455
Payment towards local operating costs	19,320	4,830	4,830	4,830	4.830
Total	57,143	14,288	14,285	14,285	14,285

Note: The amounts to be paid in their local currencies by the Governments of Cambodia and Viet-Nam are set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement attached hereto as Appendix III.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

(Attached to the Plan of Operation: Mekong River Delta Model Study)

It is agreed by the undersigned that (a) the Governments counterpart contributions towards local operation costs and (b) the Governments counterpart contributions in cash, as stipulated in paragraphs 9, 10, and 11 in the Plan of Operation, shall be paid by the Governments of Cambodia and the Republic of Viet-Nam solely in their national currencies not to exceed the total sums stipulated herein and according to the following schedule:

Government of Cambodia

Riels	612,500	on signature of the Plan of Operation
"	612,500	on 1 March 1963
"	612,500	on 1 March 1964
"	612,500	on 1 March 1965
Total Riels	2,450,000	

For the Government of Cambodia:
Date: 25 March 1962

s/g Phlek Chhat
Director General of Planning and Secretary General of the National Council for Investigations of the Mekong River

Government of Viet-Nam

Piastres	1,050,000	on signature of the Plan of Operation
"	1,050,000	on 1 March 1963
"	1,050,000	on 1 March 1964
"	1,050,000	on 1 March 1965
Total Piastres	4,200,000	

For the Government of Viet-Nam
Date: 25 March 1962

s/g Pham-Minh-Duong
Special High Commissioner for Aid to Flood Victims and Rehabilitation of Flooded Areas

Appendix IV

UNITED NATIONS

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD AND SPECIAL FUND

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20 April 1962

Dear Mr. Phlek-Chhat,

Reference is made to the Plan of Operation for the Mekong Delta Model Study which was signed by you on behalf of the Government of Cambodia. I have been informed by the Special Fund and UNESCO that the above-mentioned Plan will be considered as acceptable, subject to the interpretation set out below in respect of Appendix III.

The Plan shall be interpreted as follows:

(a) The amounts in riels and piastres scheduled in Appendix III shall be deemed to be equivalent to the amounts in United States dollars stipulated in Paragraph 11 and Appendix II of the Plan.

(b) It is understood that the amounts in riels and piastres set out in Appendix III have been computed on the basis of the United Nations' operating rates of exchange for Cambodia and Viêt-Nam prevailing at the time of signature of the Plan.

(c) It is understood that these amounts represent the amounts in riels and piastres presently estimated to be required for the successful completion of the project.

(d) It is understood that if in the course of the execution of the project it should appear that these amounts are no longer adequate to cover the costs of the services required for the successful completion of the project, the Special Fund and the Executing Agency reserve the right to request from the Governments of Cambodia and Viêt-Nam a revision of these amounts and that the Governments of Cambodia and Viêt-Nam will give due and prompt consideration to such a request.

I have been advised by the Special Fund and UNESCO that the concurrence of the Governments of Cambodia and Viêt-Nam with the interpretation of the Plan as set out above, will be deemed to be prerequisite to the signature of the Plan of Operation by the Executing Agency and the Special Fund.

/I therefore

Mr. Phlek Chhat
c/o Mr. Chann Pech
Ministère des Travaux Publics
Phnom Penh, Cambodge

I therefore look forward to receiving notification of the concurrence of your Government at the earliest possible date, under the form of your signature on the attached copy, preceeded by the word "approved" and dated.

Yours sincerely,

s/g J.N. Corry
Regional Representative of the UN
Technical Assistance Board and
Director of Special Fund Programmes
in the Far East

APPROVED:..Signed:..Phlek Chhat.....
Phlek Chhat

PLACE: Phnom Penh

DATE: 25 April 1962

Appendix V

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20 April 1962

Dear Mr. Duong,

Reference is made to the Plan of Operation for the Mekong Delta Model Study which was signed by you on behalf of the Government of Viêt-Nam. I have been informed by the Special Fund and UNESCO that the above-mentioned Plan will be considered as acceptable, subject to the interpretation set out below in respect of Appendix III.

The Plan shall be interpreted as follows:

(a) The amounts in riels and piastres scheduled in Appendix III shall be deemed to be equivalent to the amounts in United States dollars stipulated in Paragraph 11 and Appendix II of the Plan.

(b) It is understood that the amounts in riels and piastres set out in Appendix III have been computed on the basis of the United Nations' operating rates of exchange for Cambodia and Viêt-Nam prevailing at the time of signature of the Plan.

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I have been advised by the Special Fund and UNESCO that the concurrence of the Governments of Cambodia and Viêt-Nam with the interpretation of the Plan as set out above, will be deemed to be a prerequisite to the signature of the Plan of Operation by the Executing Agency and the Special Fund.

/I therefore

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I therefore look forward to receiving notification of the concurrence of your Government at the earliest possible date, under the form of your signature on the attached copy, preceeded by the word "approved" and dated.

Yours sincerely,

s/g J.N. Corry
Regional Representative of the UN
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APPROVED: Signed: Pham-Minh-Duong
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